Federal Emergency Management Agency PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment For WCCO Transmitter Site, Underground Storage Tank Upgrade Coon Rapids, Anoka County, Minnesota

Environmental Assessment (EA) for the WCCO transmitter site, underground storage tank upgrade project.

Interested persons are hereby notified that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)/Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is proposing to fund the WCCO transmitter site underground storage tank (UST) upgrade project located at 3237 Coon Rapids Boulevard, Coon Rapids, Minnesota. This project is to remove the existing UST with a new 12,000 gallon, double-walled fiberglass reinforced UST with automatic tank monitoring and leak protection, associated ancillary equipment and build an addition to the existing generator building for secondary containment. In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and the implementing regulations of FEMA, an EA is being prepared to assess the potential impacts of each of the proposed alternatives on the human and natural environment. This also provides public notice to invite public comments on the proposed project in accordance with Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management, and Executive Order 11990, Protection of Wetlands. In addition, this notice and the draft EA provide information to the public on potential impacts to historic and cultural resources from the proposed undertaking, as outlined in the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966.

The draft EA is available for review between January 27, 2010 and February 28, 2010 at the Crooked Lake Branch Library located at 11400 Crooked Lake Boulevard NW, Coon Rapids. The draft EA is also available for review online at the FEMA website http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/ea-region5.shtm.

Written comments regarding this environmental action should be received no later than 5 p.m. on February 28, 2010, by Amanda C. Ratliff, Regional Environmental Officer, FEMA, 536 South Clark Street, 6th Floor, Chicago, IL 60605-1521, or at Amanda.Ratliff@dhs.gov.

If no substantive comments are received by the above deadline, the draft EA and associated Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will become final and be published by FEMA. Substantive comments will be addressed as appropriate in the final documents.

The public may request a copy of the final environmental documents from Amanda C. Ratliff at the address listed above.